IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LIVSHITS et al.

Application No.: 09/466,935

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For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING L-AMINO ACIDS

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: David J. STEADMAN

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, three month(s) to June 30, 2006.

The period for response has previously been extended to

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